

MINUTES
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING
DECEMBER 21, 2015

PRESENT: Paul J. Lloyd - Chairman (Veterans of Foreign Wars); Benjamin “Ben” Saxon (Disabled American Veterans); Robert “Bob” Blais (American Legion); Madeline Dreusicke (Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary); Raymond J. Goulet, Jr. (Vietnam Veterans of America); Richard L. Murphy (Marine Corps League); Lewis A. Chipola (Dept. Commander – Veterans of Foreign Wars); and Margaret “Peggy” LaBrecque (Commandant).

Excused: John Graham (Dept. Commander – American Legion) and Davide T. Wiggin (Dept. Commander – Disabled American Veterans). **Guests:** Bill Bertholdt (President – NHVH Resident Council); Elaine Baker (Second Vice President - NHVH Resident Council); and Armand Plourde (NHVH Director of Administrative Services).

***CALL TO ORDER:**

The Board of Managers Meeting of December 21, 2015, was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Paul Lloyd, Chairman. Attendees present were led in a prayer by Madeline Dreusicke, Chaplain for the Board of Managers, and the Pledge of Allegiance by Chairman Lloyd.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 16, 2015:**

The Minutes of the Board of Managers Meeting of November 16, 2015 were reviewed and discussed. Motion was made by Raymond Goulet, seconded by Benjamin Saxon, to accept the Minutes. M/C.

***COMMUNICATIONS:**

There was no communication to the Board during the past month.

***CENSUS UPDATE:**

As of December 16, 2015, the Home has 199 admitted veterans. Tarr/Welch has 8 veterans approved in the candidate pool. LEDU has 21 veterans approved in the candidate pool. The Home has 100 active applicants.

***BUDGET UPDATE:**

Commandant LaBrecque reviewed the FY16 (July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016) Financial Summary of the New Hampshire Veterans Home as of November 30, 2015.

***CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT:**

Armand Plourde provided an update on the New Hampshire Veterans Home’s efforts to date concerning capital projects and operational highlights.

***RESIDENT/STAFF MATTERS:**

Bill Bertholdt, NHVH Resident Council President, provided a Resident Activity Summary of the many trips and activities during the past month.

***BOARD MEMBERSHIP:**

Chairman Lloyd has submitted a letter to the Governor & Executive Council recommending the nomination of Sue Cuddy to fill the female veteran position on the Board. Sue is a retired Navy Nurse and a member of the VFW.

Ben Saxon has reminded the DAV Auxiliary of their upcoming position on the Board in March to replace Madeline Dreusicke, VFW Auxiliary representative.

Commandant LaBrecque has followed up with the Governor’s Office regarding the addition of two appointees, one of whom shall be male and one of whom shall be female, who shall be residents of the Veterans Home. She is awaiting a response from Jennifer Kuzma, Director of Appointments. The Board will be recommending Elaine Baker as the female resident and Bill Bertholdt as the male resident.

***BOARD BYLAWS:**

Paul Lloyd presented a Draft of proposed Bylaws for the Board of Managers for review and discussion. These proposed Bylaws will be further discussed at the January Board of Managers Meeting.

***2016 NEW HAMPSHIRE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTEREST FORM – RSA 15-A:**

The annual Statement of Financial Interests forms pursuant to RSA 15-A are required to be filed in the Secretary of State's Office by January 15, 2016. Board Members were requested to complete the form in order to be submitted in a timely manner.

***2016 DATES FOR NHVH MEMORIAL DAY AND VETERANS DAY CEREMONIES:**

In order not to conflict with 2016 dates scheduled at the New Hampshire State Veterans Ceremony for Memorial Day (Monday, May 30, 2016) and Veterans Day (Friday, November 11, 2016), the Board agreed to hold the Veterans Home's ceremonies on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 and Thursday, November 10, 2016.

***OTHER BUSINESS:**

Bill Bertholdt thanked the Home for updating the Resident Handbook. A copy of this Resident Handbook is available on the Home's website.

Peggy presented the Christmas card that the Home will be distributing via email.

***UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- ~ *American Legion Auxiliary Post-Holiday Party with Sylvan Roots* – January 9, 2016 – 2:30 p.m.
- ~ *Mardi Gras* – February 9, 2016 – 2:30 p.m.
- ~ *Valentine's Party* – February 14, 2016 – 2:30 p.m.
- ~ *St. Patrick's Day Party with Bernie Dougherty* – March 17, 2016 – 2:30 p.m.
- ~ *Easter Egg Hunt* – March 19, 2016 – 1:00 p.m.

***DATE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING:** The next quarterly Board of Managers Meeting will be held on Monday, January 25, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

***ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no other business, motion was made by Raymond Goulet, seconded by Robert Blais, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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